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**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2017 10:02 PM  
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**Cc:** Mason, Steve; Smalley, Bryant; Eoc, Epahq; Smith, Monica; Carroll, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: STATUS NEEDED ON CHEMICAL LEAK IN TEXAS

Thanks for the update. It appears the shelter in place has now been lifted and if that's the case. We're all good on this information.

No further updates needed if it's been lifted.

Best regards,

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I spoke with TCEQ about the report when it came in to the EOC in Austin..... the Situation Leader said it came directly from the City of ShoreAcres.... No additional details.... TCEQ said they would make contact with the City and see if they could get more information. I offered to help chase it down if they needed assistance.... I haven't heard anymore from TCEQ. I will check back in with my TCEQ contacts to see if they were able to find the source.



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No reports in the RRCC about this. Mike anything from the eoc

Channel 2 in Houston is reporting it was an HCL release from a pipeline from a facility in Laporte. There was a shelter in place earlier but it has now been lifted

**LA PORTE, Texas** - A shelter-in-place order has been lifted after a pipe leak occurred at a chemical plant in the city of La Porte, officials said.

Around 4 p.m., officials said they received a call about a pipeline leak.

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The order applied to the area of State Highway 225 and State Highway 146. Police said this is an area bordered by Farrington Road on the West, North Avenue H on the south and Highway 146 on the East.

The chemical being released was Anhydrous Hydrogen Chloride, authorities said. Possible symptoms of exposure are eye, throat, and nasal irritation.

Officials were asking people to take the nearest shelter, close all doors and windows and turn off heating or cooling systems. People in La Porte were being asked to stay off phones in order to receive updates.

No injuries were reported, and the [Harris County](#) Pollution Control was on scene monitoring air quality.

The leak was contained with the assistance of the Harris County Hazardous Material Response Team.

The leak was contained, the shelter in place was lifted, and all roadways were opened just after 7 p.m. The company responsible for the line and the cause of the leak is being investigated and will be determined at a later date, according to officials.

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On Aug 28, 2017, at 7:58 PM, Foster, Althea <[Foster.Althea@epa.gov](mailto:Foster.Althea@epa.gov)> wrote:

This is the FEMA NRCC inquiry.

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Althea -

As I mentioned on the phone, we are getting reports of a chemical leak in the La Porte and Shore Acres area in Texas. We do not currently have anyone from EPA in the FEMA NRCC desk at this time and we need to know what EPA knows about this situation and what if anything is being done to remediate the circumstances.

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